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Mr. ESPAILLAT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Josephine Baker, a daughter of Harlem and beloved in France, who, in her wake, made history yesterday. Josephine Baker became a bridge between France and the United States, especially in the fight against discrimination.

She was an artist, a civil rights leader, a World War II resistance fighter, shining bright both on stage and off it. She was a woman of countless firsts: the first onstage, the first in the movies, and the first Black woman to break the rules and shatter the glass ceilings. Yesterday, she became another first, the first American-born, first Black woman, and first entertainer to be inducted into the French Pantheon. She joins nearly 80 luminaries in this Paris monument, where she will continue to be a bright light for all of us.

I commend the French people and President Macron and thank them so much for keeping the legacy of Josephine Baker alive. Thank you so much. Merci beaucoup.

#### BIDEN BUILD BACK BANKRUPT

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, the Biden-supported, Democrat-passed, irresponsible spending scheme is the most reckless tax and spending bill in history.

Americans are suffering from Biden inflation, and build back bankrupt will make it worse. Young Americans will be saddled with unimaginable debt, destroying jobs. For older Americans, Biden inflation is devaluing retirement accounts, undermining Social Security, and compromising Medicare.

House Democrats have misled Americans about the cost. The Congressional Budget Office says it will add \$367 billion to the deficit. All this confirms that the Democrat elite think they are smarter than everyone and think Democrat voters are ignorant to believe that \$4.5 trillion costs zero dollars. They pay with Biden inflation.

In conclusion, God bless our troops who successfully protected America for 20 years as the global war on terrorism continues moving from the Afghanistan safe haven to America.

Remember the Waukesha murders in Wisconsin.

#### DOBBS V. JACKSON WOMEN'S HEALTH ORGANIZATION

(Ms. STRICKLAND asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. STRICKLAND. Madam Speaker, today, the Supreme Court is hearing one of the most important abortion rights cases in generations. The case, Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, marks the first time in 50

years the Court agreed to hear a case on the constitutionality of a previability abortion ban. In other words, the State of Mississippi has asked the Supreme Court to overturn Roe v. Wade.

Let me be clear. Reproductive health access is a fundamental right. This is about supporting body autonomy and well-being. It is also about economic justice and social freedom. The people hurt most by abortion restrictions and bans are those who already face barriers to getting access to healthcare: women, people of color, those working to make ends meet, members of the LGBTQI community, immigrants, young people, those in rural communities, people with disabilities, and others.

We can look to the State of Texas as a real-life example. Texas has banned almost all abortions in the State, forcing people to travel across State lines to receive care.

Now is the time for the Supreme Court to show that it decides cases based on precedent and the rule of law, not politics, not ideology. Every person should be free to make their best healthcare decisions regardless of where they live.

#### MOMENT OF SILENCE HONORING THE MEMORY OF AMERICAN HERO MICHAEL FREELAND

(Mr. RUTHERFORD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the memory of an American hero, Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Engineer Michael Freeland.

On November 11, Engineer Freeland tragically lost his life while saving another life at the scene of a horrible accident. He died as he lived: a hero. He was 36 years old.

Engineer Freeland was a firefighter with Jacksonville Fire and Rescue for 7 years and was assigned to Station 73. He is an example of the best of America: a hero who dedicated his life to the service of others.

Our community mourns this great loss, and our hearts are with his family and friends. I pray that his sacrifice will never be forgotten and that his loved ones may find peace in this difficult time.

Madam Speaker, I ask that the House observe a moment of silence.

#### ENACTING ROSA PARKS DAY

(Mrs. BEATTY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BEATTY. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Congressional Black Caucus, I rise today in honor of the memory of Rosa Parks, our Nation's greatest hero.

It has been 66 years, Madam Speaker, since Rosa Parks refused to give up her

seat for a White rider, sparking her arrest and the beginning of the civil rights movement.

My Congressional Black Caucus colleague, Congresswoman Representative SEWELL, is the original cosponsor of the Rosa Parks Day Act, a bill that would make December 1 a Federal holiday in her honor, along with Congressman JIM COOPER and I.

Many of you may not know, but 17 years ago, through my leadership, Ohio was the first in the Nation to pass Rosa Parks Day legislation. Our district will celebrate this year's Rosa Parks Day on December 13 in a celebration called "The Power of One: You."

So please join me and my colleagues in supporting the Rosa Parks Day Act to honor a great American. This is our power. This is our message.

#### OPEN BORDERS PLUS AMNESTY IS THE END OF OUR COUNTRY

(Mrs. MILLER of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Madam Speaker, Joe Biden's open-border policies have created a crisis on our border not seen in over 30 years. And what are the Democrats doing to address this worsening border crisis? They just passed through a multitrillion-dollar spending bill with mass amnesty for up to 10 million illegal immigrants, plus \$100 billion in taxpayer-funded benefits.

This far-left, socialist reconciliation package provides zero funding for border wall construction, technology, or additional Border Patrol agents.

While border arrests are at an all-time high with no signs of stopping, our border czar, Vice President HARRIS, who has yet to be seen, has no solutions that would end the crisis on our border. Instead, Biden and HARRIS continue to incentivize illegal immigration at the expense of all Americans.

Open borders plus amnesty is the end of our great country as we know it.

#### WOMEN HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE

(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, today, the Supreme Court is hearing arguments on Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, a case that threatens abortion access throughout the country, not just in Mississippi where the case originated.

I walked over to see the protesters, the demonstrators, the supporters, and the objectors. There is a lot of controversy, but the fact is, standing law in the United States, stare decisis, is that women have a right to choose.

It is a personal right, and it is enshrined in Roe v. Wade. Roe v. Wade was enunciated, passed, and approved by the Supreme Court when I was in law school. The right of a woman to